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In re Application of :  
Gerald Black : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/727,208 :  
Filed: December 3, 2003 :  
Title: SECURITY AUTHENTICATION:  
METHOD AND SYSTEM :

This is a decision on the PETITION FOR REVIVAL UNDER 37 CFR  
§1.137(b) filed February 14, 2007.

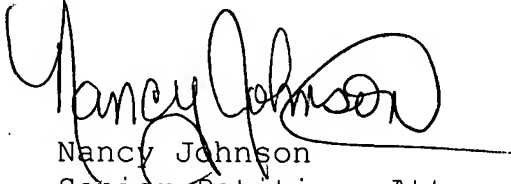
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed June 28, 2006. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months, with extensions of time obtainable under § 1.136(a). No reply considered timely filed and no extension of time considered obtained, the application became abandoned effective September 29, 2006. A courtesy Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 9, 2007.

The petition includes the required reply, the required statement of unintentional delay and payment of the petition fee. No terminal disclaimer is required.

Technology Center AU 2137 has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the reply submitted on petition filed February 14, 2007.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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